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accord with our rules, you simply voted to overrule the Chair. So now I'm being more direct than most people are when they make one of these motions. I am saying that in order to get at the vote on the motion as I have offered it, just overrule the Chair, but if you choose not to I'll take my lumps. And that constitutes my opening, Mr. Speaker, and I don't think I took my full ten minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will, to speak on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in support of the Chair and in opposition to the motion to overrule the Chair. I think the Speaker hit the nail on the head in saying that the crux of the matter is that we really don't have a fine-tuned definition of what reconsideration is, either in our rules or in Mason's Manual, which is referred to in our rules, which is a comprehensive book that provides guidance for legislative matters as far as procedure goes. I think that the Speaker is absolutely correct when he says that, in substance, this is a motion to reconsider and, as such, since Senator Chambers did not vote on the prevailing side, is not in order at this time, and is...is properly ruled out of order by the Speaker. Senator Chambers is absolutely correct in that he can come with subsequent amendments that pick at different pieces of the Maurstad amendment, but the fact is this is a decision that the body made. The motion to strip the entire amendment is, in my opinion, simply a motion to reconsider in another guise, and should be correctly, and I believe the Speaker correctly ruled it out of order. The simple way to beat the Maurstad amendment, going to the substance of the issue, is simply to vote against the committee amendments. That's something that can be done easily. We can vote down the committee amendments and achieve exactly what Senator Chambers would like to do. Senator Chambers says it's too easy, and that may be, but sometimes ease is in the eye of the beholder and I would, frankly, urge the body to vote down the committee amendments, do what we were talking about two hours ago, which is to advance the green copy of the bill, and...and do that without going through the machinations that Senator Chambers would suggest by bringing an amendment to strike the Maurstad amendment. I think that's a lot cleaner way to do it. Let's